

Legion Favors Merging Three War Bureaus

Would Place Insurance, Public Health and Vocational Education Under 1 Head; State Commanders Confer

Glass Pledges Support

Delegates to Press Senators for Quick Action on Measures for Veterans' Relief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The state commanders of the American Legion opened a three-day conference at the Bureau of War Risk Insurance today for the purpose of discussing legislation that will help former service men and of studying the administration of the War Risk Insurance Bureau with a view to aiding the bureau in its work. Only technical work was done today. The state commanders studied amendments to legislation affecting war risk insurance that is pending in Congress.

Legion delegates met to-night and expressed themselves in favor of combining under one directing head the War Risk Insurance Bureau, the Public Health Service and the Federal Board for Vocational Education. This plan, it was said, will be recommended to Congress by the Legion.

To-night the state commanders entertained sixteen disabled service men from Walter Reed Hospital at the Raleigh Hotel, after which they held an executive meeting to talk over the results of the day's conference with Director R. G. Cholmeley-Jones, of the War Risk Bureau.

Visit Senators To-day

To-morrow morning the state commanders will call upon the Senators and Representatives at the Capitol. In the afternoon the conference with Director Cholmeley-Jones will be resumed, and to-morrow night the legion officers will be given a dinner at the Capitol, as guests of members of Congress who are interested in legislation for former service men.

The work of the conference will be completed Wednesday morning and afternoon. Wednesday noon they will be the guests of Commander E. Lester Jones, of the District of Columbia, at a luncheon.

The conference is the most important gathering on behalf of former service men since the national convention of the American Legion in Minneapolis last month. It will consider all matters affecting the resolutions adopted by the Legion concerning the relations of the bureau to former soldiers, sailors and marines and their beneficiaries and dependents.

Fifty-six Delegates Present

Following an address of welcome by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, National Commander D'Olier announced that, while in Washington, each delegate will have an opportunity to see his own Senator and other members of Congress to explain what legislation the Legion is interested in as regards the disabled soldier, and with particular reference to the war risk act.

The conference, at which fifty-six delegates are in attendance, got down to business this morning, when Director Cholmeley-Jones briefly stated the purposes and told how the idea had come to him. The results of his recent attendance with other war risk officials at the Legion's national convention, Director Cholmeley-Jones invited



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Commander d'Olier to assume the chairmanship of the conference, and in introducing him said:

"I have asked Commander d'Olier to be chairman of this conference during the three days' session, and before turning the chair over to the commander I want to urge upon you to express just as emphatically as you can choose any shortcomings that in your opinion the bureau is guilty of."

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Secretary Glass said:

"The task undertaken by the bureau has not, perhaps, been as completely performed as you or I might well wish. It was a new and unique enterprise of government. There were no beaten paths, no usages or rules for our guidance. It was an uncharted sea. But those who have worked have worked faithfully, if not always intelligently, and a very serious sincere effort always has been made to serve you men who so gallantly served your country. I want to assure you very earnestly that for the little while I shall remain as Secretary of the Treasury I want to cooperate with you with the intense earnestness, to the end that this system may redound to your good and to the good of the country, and when I shall leave my post at the Treasury and go by transfer to the United States Senate I would have you to appeal to me to the United States Senator in hearty sympathy with those men who so gallantly responded to the call of their country, and any service I reasonably may be to you I shall not only cheerfully but eagerly perform. I welcome you, gentlemen, and trust that you may have a profitable and interesting visit to Washington."

D'Olier Outlines Purpose

Commander D'Olier in outlining the purposes of the delegates said:

"I think, that is particularly fitting, that I should first state the purpose of the new administration which will be here in Washington for the purpose of doing what we can to improve the all-ex-service men. I want to, in the name of the American Legion, express to the Secretary, Mr. Glass, our appreciation of the spirit in which he is doing his work and to assure him that we are all interested in the more effective service in this work—and I wish to assure him that during the next three days our whole thought will be, 'What can we do to help him and also help the ex-service men?' And I appreciate very much indeed what he has said to us and hope that we may be of some help to him and to his assistants and to Mr. Cholmeley-Jones."

The delegates devoted an afternoon to a discussion of the Sweet bill and the Watson bill, and in formulating amendments for recommendation by the Legion, Thomas W. Mills, of Wilmington, Del., chairman of the national legislative committee of the American Legion, and National Adjutant Lemuel Bolles were among the delegates who participated in the discussion.

The list of delegates in attendance follows: Frank J. Abbott, New Hampshire; Harry S. Berry, Tennessee; Herman C. Back, New Mexico; J. G. O. Bloodworth, Georgia; Lemuel Bolles, Washington; Frank W. Bruhn, California; O. E. Cain, New Hampshire; Paul Chambers, Mississippi; Bronson M. Cutting, New Mexico.

John C. Davis, Wisconsin; C. L. Dawson, North Dakota; Franklin D'Olier, Pennsylvania; Burton R. Pitts, California; Harrison Fuller, Minnesota; William B. Fellett, Oregon; Augustus H. Gansser, District of Columbia; Thomas Golding, New Jersey; Gilbert Greenlaw, Maine; Fred E. Hamilton, Washington; Claud J. Harris, South Dakota; Charles S. Hill, Wyoming; Sid Houston, Missouri; F. R. Jeffrey, Washington; Alexander H. Johnson, Rhode Island; E. Lester Jones, Washington, D. C.; Victor T. Keene, Indiana; Merritt E. Learned, Connecticut; Edward L. Logan, Massachusetts; T. J. McGuire, Nebraska; L. S. McPherson, Arizona; Hugh K. Martin, Ohio; Thomas W. Miller, Delaware; H. D. Moorman, Kentucky.

William C. Mordock, Pennsylvania; J. H. Mount, Indiana; Eric Nutt, Connecticut; Leroy Patch, Idaho; William M. Rogers, Alabama; H. H. Raeger, Washington; H. A. Sady, Colorado; Frank E. Samuel, Kansas; Dr. M. I. Samuel, Delaware; John J. Szalavsky, Ohio; N. J. G. Scrugh, Nevada; Thomas J. Shea, Oklahoma; Charles F. Sheridan, New York State; E. H. Smith, West Virginia; Raymond A. Smith, Iowa; William Stuart, Virginia; John M. Thomas, Vermont; H. C. Thompson, Montana; T. S. Walsley, Louisiana; W. W. Wayne, ex-Secretary, Maryland; Frank Wideman, Florida; John Wilbur, New York; J. C. Wood, Utah.

Want Ruins to Remain

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The Belgian National Congress of Architects passed a resolution to-day declaring against restoration of the Cloth Hall and Cathedral at Ypres. One delegate objected, saying that if the British wished to reconstruct the Cloth Hall and make it a museum to their national glory they should be permitted to do so.

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Burial Case Is Not Ready For Grand Jury

Undertaker Is Questioned on Callies Funeral and District Attorney's Office Will Continue Inquiry

Assistant District Attorney Lazarus said yesterday that the evidence in the Callies burial case, as it now stands, is not sufficient for him to lay before the grand jury. He declared, however, that he would continue his investigation of the hasty burial of Mrs. Anna Callies.

George H. Kelly, an undertaker of 337 Columbus Avenue, who, according to the daughter of Mrs. Callies, buried the body, testified yesterday before William H. Guilfoyle, Registrar of Records of the Department of Health. Kelly said he had signed no papers in connection with the case. He declared his assistant, John Carney, made all arrangements.

Carney was summoned yesterday afternoon, but did not present himself. It is understood he will be heard at 10 o'clock this morning. Kelly testified yesterday that he knew nothing of the burial of Mrs. Callies until two days later.

Assistant District Attorney Lazarus, who was present at the hearing, called attention to the fact that Kelly, on October 16, before Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, was inclined to take the responsibility for the burial. Seymour Mork, counsel for the undertaker, said that previously Kelly had accepted the responsibility, but now preferred to make the facts known as they really were. Mr. Mork denied that Kelly had signed the burial certificate.

Mrs. Louise Haight, landlady at the house where Mrs. Callies lived, 208 West Eighty-third Street, appeared before Dr. Guilfoyle and declared that Kelly, the undertaker, resembled the man who called at her home in regard to the funeral.

William D. Bosler, counsel for Miss Charlotte Callies, daughter of Mrs. Callies, appeared before Judge Joseph Mulqueen in General Sessions yesterday and made application for permission to inspect the minutes of the November grand jury, which dismissed the complaint of manslaughter against the driver of the taxicab that killed Mrs. Callies. Judge Mulqueen referred the application to Judge Rosalsky.

Says Porter Is "Protected"

The State Council of Farms and Markets received orders from some "political source" not to oust Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Commissioner of Foods and Markets, John J. Dillon, a former commissioner, testified at a supplementary hearing to the investigation into the council, conducted by George Gordon Battle. The session was called by Mr. Battle to question Mr. Dillon on his statements made several times lately that there is a partnership between the "milk distributors and Albany."

Mr. Dillon said that he heard about this partnership from friends. He said he had been given the information in the strictest confidence. The Commission on the Milk Industry, which was created by the state council, Mr. Dillon said.

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Sarouk	12.3x8.8	1,050	Sarouk	15.6x10.10	1,450
Sarouk	13.4x10.8	1,050	Hamadan	20.1x13.8	1,450
Chinese	16x12	1,075	Kurd	17.10x11.4	1,475
Chinese	15x11	1,075	Chinese	19.10x14	1,500
Chinese	15x12	1,075	Iranshah	15x11	1,500
Sarouk	12.1x8.7	1,075	Chinese	20x12	1,500
Sarouk	12.1x8.9	1,075	Chinese	20x12	1,500
Kerman	13.6x9	1,075	Chinese	18x12	1,500
Chinese	17.1x11.9	1,150	Keshan	9.5x9.9	1,500
Chinese	16x13	1,150	Kerman	15.2x11.10	1,550
Khorassan	19.4x8.6	1,150	Sarouk	17.6x12.6	1,750
Arak	16.5x11.6	1,150	Chinese	20x15	1,850
Serapi	21.4x13.6	1,200	Kerman	15.5x12	1,850
Arak	13.9x10.8	1,250	Chinese	20x14	1,850
Kerman	15.9x10.7	1,250	Sarouk	16.5x11.3	1,850
Sarouk	11.10x8.7	1,250	Chinese	20x15	1,950
Sarouk	12.6x9	1,250	Kerman	17.10x11.11	2,250
Chinese	18x12	1,250	Sarouk	17.4x12.6	2,250
Kerman	15.10x8.10	1,250	Kerman	17.9x13.5	2,250
Sarouk	14.7x10.2	1,250	Sarouk	14x11.6	2,250
Sarouk	18.10x12.9	1,250	Keshan	15.6x12.1	2,500
Sarouk	12.11x9.10	1,350	Keshan	14.9x10.3	2,750
Sarouk	13.8x10.8	1,350	Sarouk	18x12.7	2,750
Sarouk	11.11x10.1	1,350	Sarouk	22.1x14.7	3,300
Kerman	13.5x11.7	1,350	Sarouk	23.4x11	3,500
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